

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for controlling coniferous plants, wherein an effective amount of at least one herbicide B selected from the group consisting of sulfentrazone, carfentrazone and its agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides is applied to coniferous plants to be controlled and/or to the parts of these plants.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one further herbicide A which is selected from the group consisting of
 - A1 acetolactate synthase inhibitors (ALS inhibitors);
 - A2 photosynthesis inhibitors;
 - A3 enolpyruvyl shikimate 3-phosphate synthase inhibitors (EPSP inhibitors);
 - A4 glutamine synthetase inhibitors;
 - A5 auxin herbicides; and
 - A6 fosamineis applied in an effective amount to the coniferous plants to be controlled and/or to the parts of these plants.
3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the further herbicide A is selected from:
 - A1 from the group of the ALS inhibitors: amidosulfuron, azimsulfuron, bensulfuron, chlorimuron, chlorsulfuron, cinosulfuron, cyclosulfamuron, ethametsulfuron, ethoxysulfuron, flazasulfuron, flupyrifosulfuron, foramsulfuron, halosulfuron, imazosulfuron, iodosulfuron, mesosulfuron, metsulfuron, nicosulfuron, oxasulfuron, primisulfuron, prosulfuron, pyrazosulfuron, rimsulfuron, sulfometuron, sulfosulfuron, thifensulfuron, triasulfuron, tribenuron, trifloxyisulfuron, triflusulfuron, tritosulfuron, imidazolinone herbicides, cloransulam, diclosulam, florasulam, flumetsulam, metosulam, penoxsulam, bispyribac, pyriminobac, propoxycarbazone, flucarbazone, pyribenzoxim, pyriflatalid and pyrithiobac;
 - A2 from the group of the photosynthesis inhibitors: atraton, atrazine, ametryne, aziprotryne, cyanazine, cyanatryne, chlorazine, cyprazine, desmetryne, dimethametryne, dipropetryne, eglazine, ipazine, mesoprazine, methometon, methoprottryne, procyzazine, proglazine, prometon, prometryne, propazine, sebutylazine, secbumeton, simazine, simeton, simetryne, terbumeton, terbutylazine, terbutryne, trietazine, ametridione,

ambuzin, hexazinone, isomethiozin, metamitron, metribuzin, bromacil, isocil, lenacil, terbacil, brompyrazon, chloridazon, dimidazon, desmedipham, phenisopham, phenmedipham, phenmedipham-ethyl, benzthiazuron, buthiuron, ethidimuron, isouron, methabenzthiazuron, monoisouron, tebuthiuron, thiazafluron, anisuron, buturon, chlorbromuron, chloreturon, chloroturon, chloroxuron, difenoxuron, dimefuron, diuron, fenuron, fluometuron, fluothiuron, isoproturon, linuron, methiuron, metobenzuron, metobromuron, metoxuron, monolinuron, monuron, neburon, parafluron, phenobenzuron, siduron, tetrafluron, thidiazuron, cyperquat, diethamquat, difenzoquat, diquat, morfamquat, paraquat, bromobonil, bromoxynil, chloroxynil, iodobonil, ioxynil, amicarbazone, bromofenoim, flumezin, methazole, bentazon, propanil, pentanochlor, pyridate, and pyridafol;

- A3 from the group of the EPSP synthase inhibitors: glyphosate;
- A4 from the group of the glutamine synthase inhibitors: glufosinate and bilanaphos;
- A5 from the group of the auxin herbicides: clomeprop, 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, MCPA, MCPA thioethyl, dichlorprop, dichlorprop-P, mecoprop, mecoprop-P, 2,4-DB, MCPB, chloramben, dicamba, 2,3,6-TBA, tricamba, quinclorac, quinmerac, aminopyralid, clopyralid, fluroxypyr, picloram, triclopyr and benazolin;
- A6 fosamine;

and their agriculturally acceptable salts, amides, esters and thioesters.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein
 - a) at least one herbicide A, which is selected from imidazolinone herbicides, and
 - b) at least one further herbicide B, which is selected from the group consisting of sulfentrazone, carfentrazone, its agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides,
- is applied to the coniferous plants to be controlled or to their parts.
5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein herbicide A is selected from imazapyr, its agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein herbicide B is selected from carfentrazone, its agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 3, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of metsulfuron and sulfometuron, and their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 3, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of atrazine, cyanazine, hexazinone, diuron, paraquat, bromoxynil, and their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 3, wherein herbicide A is glyphosate, an agriculturally acceptable salt, ester, thioester or amide thereof.
10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 3, wherein herbicide A is glufosinate, an agriculturally acceptable salt, ester, thioester or amide thereof.
11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 3, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of 2,4-D, dicamba, aminopyralid, clopyralid, fluroxypyr, picloram and triclopyr, and their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 3, wherein herbicide A is fosamine.
13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 3, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of metsulfuron, sulfometuron, imazapyr, hexazinone, paraquat, glyphosate, glufosinate, 2,4-D, dicamba, aminopyralid, clopyralid, picloram, triclopyr and fosamine, and their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
14. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the effective amount of herbicide B ~~and optionally herbicide A~~ is applied during site preparation for a plantation of coniferous trees.
15. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the herbicide A and the herbicide B are applied in a weight ratio A:B ranging from 1:5 to 200:1.
16. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the herbicide A is applied in amounts from 100 to 1400 g/ha.

17. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the herbicide B is applied in amounts from 10 to 500 g/ha.
18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the effective amount of herbicide B ~~and optionally herbicide A~~ is applied after emergence of the coniferous plants to be controlled.
19. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coniferous plants to be controlled belong to the pinaceae family.
20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the coniferous plants to be controlled are selected from the pine species consisting of P. banksiana, P. clausa, P. echinata, P. elliotti, P. contorta, P. palustris, P. glabra, P. lambertina, P. ponderosa, P. pungens, P. rigida, P. resinosa, P. serotina, P. strobus, P. taeda and P. virginiana.
21. (Previously Presented) A herbicidal composition, which comprises at least one herbicide A, which is selected from the group consisting of
 - A1 from the group of the ALS inhibitors: amidosulfuron, ethametsulfuron, flazsulfuron, foramsulfuron, iodosulfuron, mesosulfuron, oxasulfuron, rimsulfuron, sulfometuron, sulfosulfuron, triasulfuron, trifloxsulfuron, triflusulfuron, imazamox, imazapyr, imazapic, imazaquin, imazethapyr, cloransulam, diclosulam, metosulam, penoxsulam, bispyribac, pyriminobac, propoxycarbazone, flucarbazone, pyribenzoxim and pyriftalid;
 - A2 from the group of the photosynthesis inhibitors: atraton, ametryne, aziprotryne, cyanazine, cyanatryne, chlorazine, cyprazine, desmetryne, dimethametryne, dipropetryn, eglinzine, ipazine, mesoprazine, methometon, methoprotayne, procyzine, progliazine, prometon, prometryne, propazine, sebutylazine, secbumeton, simazine, simeton, simetryne, terbumeton, terbutylazine, terbutryne, trietazine, ametridione, amibuzin, hexazinone, isomethiozin, metamitron, metribuzin, bromacil, isocil, lenacil, terbacil, brompyrazon, chloridazon, dimidazon, desmedipham, phenisopham, phenmedipham, phenmedipham-ethyl, benzthiazuron, buthiuron, ethidimuron, isouron, methabenzthiazuron, monoisouron, tebuthiuron, thiazzafluron, anisuron, buturon, chlorbromuron, chloreeturon, chlorotoluron, chloroxuron, difenoxuron, dimefuron, fenuron, fluometuron, fluothiuron, linuron, methiuron, metobenzuron, metobromuron, metoxuron, monolinuron, monuron, neburon, parafluron, phenobenzuron, siduron, tetrafluron, cyperquat, diethamquat, diquat, morfamquat, bromobonil, chloroxynil, iodobonil, ioxynil, amicarbazone, bromofenoxt, flumezin, methazole, bentazon, propanil, pentanochlor and pyridafol;

A4 from the group of the glutamine synthase inhibitors: bilanaphos;
 A5 from the group of the auxin herbicides: clomeprop, 2,4,5-T, dichlorprop, dichlorprop-P, 2,4-DB, chloramben, 2,3,6-TBA, tricamba, quinclorac, quinmerac, aminopyralid, fluroxypyr, picloram, triclopyr and benazolin;
 A6 fosamine;
 and their agriculturally acceptable salts, amides, esters and thioesters,

and

carfentrazone, an agriculturally acceptable salt, amide or ester thereof.

22. (Previously Presented) A herbicidal composition, which comprises at least one herbicide A, which is selected from the group consisting of
- A1 from the group of the ALS inhibitors: amidosulfuron, azimsulfuron, bensulfuron, chlorsulfuron, cinosulfuron, cyclosulfamuron, ethametsulfuron, ethoxysulfuron, flazasulfuron, foramsulfuron, halosulfuron, iodosulfuron, mesosulfuron, metsulfuron, nicosulfuron, oxasulfuron, primisulfuron, prosulfuron, pyrazosulfuron, sulfometuron, sulfosulfuron, thifensulfuron, triasulfuron, trifloxsulfuron, triflusulfuron, tritosulfuron, imazamox, imazapyr, imazapic, imazaquin, imazethabenz, diclosulam, florasulam, metosulam, penoxsulam, bispyribac, pyriminobac, propoxycarbazone, flucarbazone, pyribenzoxim, pyriftalid and pyrithiobac;
- A2 from the group of the photosynthesis inhibitors: atraton, atrazine, ametryne, aziprotryne, cyanazine, cyanatryne, chlorazine, cyprazine, desmetryne, dimethametryne, dipropetryn, eglazine, ipazine, mesoprazine, methometon, methoprotayne, procyazine, proglazine, prometon, prometryne, propazine, sebutylazine, secbumeton, simazine, simeton, simetryne, terbumeton, terbutylazine, terbutryne, trietazine, ametridione, amibuzin, hexazinone, isomethiozin, metamitron, isocil, lenacil, terbacil, brompyrazon, chloridazon, dimidazon, desmedipham, phenisopham, phenmedipham, phenmedipham-ethyl, benzthiazuron, buthiuron, ethidimuron, isouron, methabenzthiazuron, monoisouron, tebuthiuron, thiazafluron, anisuron, buturon, chlorbromuron, chloreturon, chlorotoluron, chloroxuron, difenoxuron, dimefuron, fenuron, fluometuron, fluothiuron, isoproturon, linuron, methiuron, metobenzuron, metobromuron, metoxuron, monolinuron, monuron, neburon, parafluron, phenobenzuron, siduron, tetrafluron, cyperquat, diethamquat, difenoquat, diquat, morfamquat, paraquat, bromobonil, bromoxynil, chloroxynil, iodobonil, ioxynil, amicarbazone, bromofenoxim, flumezin, methazole, bentazon, propanil, pentanochlor, pyridate, and pyridafol;

A4 from the group of the glutamine synthase inhibitors: glufosinate and bilanaphos;

A5 from the group of the auxin herbicides: clomeprop, 2,4,5-T, MCPA, MCPA thioethyl, dichlorprop, dichlorprop-P, mecoprop-P, 2,4-DB, MCPB, chloramben, dicamba, 2,3,6-TBA, tricamba, quinchlorac, quinmerac, aminopyralid, clopyralid, fluroxypyr, picloram, triclopyr and benazolin;

A6 fosamine;

and their agriculturally acceptable salts, amides, esters and thioesters,

and

sulfentrazone.

23. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 21, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of cyanazine and hexazinone.
24. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 21, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of aminopyralid, picloram and triclopyr, their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
25. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 21, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of sulfometuron, imazapyr, hexazinone, aminopyralid, picloram, triclopyr and fosamine, their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
26. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 21, wherein herbicide A is selected from imazapyr, its agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
27. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 22, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of metsulfuron and sulfometuron, their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
28. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 22, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of atrazine, cyanazine, hexazinone bromoxynil and paraquat, their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
29. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 22, wherein herbicide A is glufosinate, or an agriculturally acceptable salt, ester, thioester or amide thereof.

30. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 22, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of dicamba, aminopyralid, clopyralid, fluroxypyr, picloram and triclopyr, their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
31. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 22, wherein herbicide A is selected from the group consisting of metsulfuron, sulfometuron, imazapyr, glufosinate, dicamba, aminopyralid, clopyralid, picloram, triclopyr and fosamine, their agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides, hexazinone, paraquat and its agriculturally acceptable salts.
32. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 22, wherein herbicide A is selected from imazapyr, and its agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, thioesters and amides.
33. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 21 ~~or 22~~, wherein herbicide A is fosamine, or an agriculturally acceptable salt, ester, thioester or amide thereof.
34. (New) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the effective amounts of herbicide B and herbicide A are applied during site preparation for a plantation of coniferous trees.
35. (New) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the effective amounts of herbicide B and herbicide A are applied after emergence of the coniferous plants to be controlled.